DCI/IC 75-1531(a)
10 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1

SUBJECT: Procurement of Large Screen Monitor for CONTEXT

1. Attached is the CIA Form 264 (Request for Reimbursement or Payment) which has been signed by General Wilson, D/DCI/IC. This is the start of the internal process leading to arranging for a transfer of funds of $4,000. to be made to NSA for subject procurement.

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2. The signed original of this form has been sent to the DCI's Administrative Office, where the DCI's budget officer will make arrangements with [ ] Office of Finance, to handle this matter as we did in a recent prior case. Please advise [ ] 25X1 to be on the lookout for this on your end.

3. My cover memorandum to General Wilson requesting his approval included your memorandum to me dated 7 July 75 (V3-416-75) by way of explanation of what we are doing. Note that the attached form briefly states the essence of this arrangement.

4. Confirming our telephone conversation yesterday, this is to request that NSA serve as the vehicle to contract with [ ] 25X1 for the four monitors with attendant modifications and service contract.

5. Please try to keep [ ] to their time schedule, 25X1 because the DCI wants to hold a demonstration for USIB members as soon as the large screen monitors can be made a part of the system. We appreciate your good work.

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DCI/IC 75-1531
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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilson

SUBJECT   : Procurement of Large Screen Monitor
                     for CONTEXT

1. Today we have received the attached recommendation from NSA proposing the procurement of four sets of CONRAC 23" monitors for use in the CONTEXT development test bed system. The cost is approximately $4,000. CONRAC is a large manufacturer of this type of equipment which is commonly used to display arrival and departure information in airports.

2. NSA and _____ the terminal manufacturer, recommend CONRAC as compatible with the _____ terminals now in CONTEXT. Moreover, the manufacturer of CONRAC is willing to make an investment of his own in this case, which amounts to several thousand dollars to perform one-time design and engineering work to tailor the CONRAC monitor to the _____ use in CONTEXT. The original estimate indicated that this manufacturer-absorbed expense would run to some $6,000.

3. Your approval for the expenditure of $4,000, which _____ and I recommend, is requested. If you agree, please sign as "Approving Officer" under the "Authentication" box in the center of the attached Form 264. AO/DCI advises FY-76 funds are available, provided you approve.

4. I intend to request NSA to handle contractual details. NSA estimates time required to make the monitor operational as part of the CONTEXT test bed is 6-8 weeks.

Chairman, IHC

Attachments: as stated

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Memorandum

O : Chairman, IHC

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SUBJECT: CONTEXT

DATE: 7 July 75

V3-416-75

1. We have discussed your recent verbal inquiry regarding a large screen CONTEXT monitor with [   ]n who has provided a solution. The SPD 10/25 with certain hardware modifications is capable of driving a standard 23-inch CONRAC monitor. Our CONTEXT programmers viewed this capability on 26 June and found that both the 64 and 80 character presentation were readable and acceptable at distances of 15 to 20 feet. Furthermore, [   ] was able to demonstrate three terminal bridge over 300-400' of cable.

2. [   ] recommends the CONRAC monitor, although presumably other commercial standard monitors could be used. We have not attempted a survey of monitors but do recognize CONRAC as an equipment of common use throughout industry and government. The [   ] representative to NSA, Mr. Cox, has informed us that the cost for the 23-inch CONRAC monitor would be $865 per monitor. Labor cost for modification to the SPD 10/25 is $28 per hour, and mileage from Washington would be charged. In all the approximate cost per terminal would be about $1000. [   ] is not charging for the one-time design and engineering costs. If our interest remains, [   ] is prepared to market this device as a standard product under the lable SPD-CMT.

3. If you agree with this solution, we can arrange for Mr. Cox to meet with you to draw up the contract details. Alternately, should you prefer, we can contract with [   ] for the four monitors with attendant modifications and service contract. Total cost will be in the neighborhood of $4000. Time required to implement will be based on acquisition of the monitors from CONRAC, an estimated six to eight weeks.

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4. Should you prefer that we arrange the contract, it is understood that you will transfer necessary funds to this Agency through [   ] for disposition. Such transfer should be routed through [   ] of your finance office.

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5. Please let us know your preference.

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CONTEXT Project Officer

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